

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

A.F., on behalf of J.F., and A.R., on
behalf of B.R.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01014-JRG-RSP

CHARACTER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.;
NOAM SHAZEER; DANIEL DE FREITAS
ADIWARSANA; GOOGLE LLC;
ALPHABET INC.,

Defendants.

**Motions Hearing and Scheduling Conference
MAG. JUDGE ROY PAYNE PRESIDING
April 23, 2023**

OPEN: 9:02 a.m.

ADJOURN: 9:33 a.m.

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS:	See attached.
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS:	See attached.
LAW CLERK:	Greg Saltz
COURT REPORTER:	Shelly Holmes
COURTROOM DEPUTY:	Wendy Asbel

Court opened. Case called. Sam Baxter introduced co-counsel and the client and announced ready for Plaintiff. Tom Gorham introduced co-counsel and announced ready for Defendant Character. Jennifer Ainsworth introduced co-counsel and announced ready for Defendant Shazeer. Mike Jones introduced co-counsel and announced ready for Defendants Google and Alphabet. Hayden Little introduced co-counsel and announced ready for Defendant Daniel De Freittas.

Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration and to Stay Proceedings Pending Arbitration Pursuant to 9 U.S.C. §§ 34 and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(3) [34]; Defendant's Motion to Stay Discovery Pending Motions to Compel Arbitration Pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 3 [39]; and Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration and to Stay Proceedings Pending Arbitration [42]. Ms. Herrera argued for Defendant Character. Mr. Donohue, Mr. Schapiro, and Mr. Chaput responded for their respective Defendants. Sam Baxter responded. The Court made rulings.